

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

April 19, 2011

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, and Denise Correy. Members absent: Olayinka Oredugba and Muraina Akinfolarin. Also in attendance were Pasty Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Alpha Construction Company MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Heroica's Painting, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- c) Tracey Griffing, d/b/a Trakar Woodworks WBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certifications for these firms. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified MBE firms for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Angel Trucking, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) Baseline Supply, LLC WBE/DBE NJ**
- c) Icarus Construction Services, LLC MBE/DBE MA**
- d) Natural Site Solutions, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency upon non-minority individuals, affiliation with and dependency upon non-minority owned firms, size standards, and/or the appearance that the firms were structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and/or DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Connico Incorporated – A hearing was conducted before the CRC

regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of Connico Incorporated, and was attended by Ms. Connie Gowder, President of the applicant firm. Connico Incorporated is currently certified as a WBE and DBE in the State of Rhode Island. Based upon their application for recertification, it appeared that the firm, inclusive of its affiliate, exceeded size standards. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of size standards and proper classification of the firm by NAICS Code, including a conference call with the State of Tennessee DOT, their home state UCP, a motion was made and properly seconded to table the hearing, pending information from the home state UCP. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

V & L Construction, Inc. – This firm had previously been certified as an MBE and DBE in the State of Rhode Island, but had allowed their certification to lapse due to their failure to submit annual update information as required. The CRC reviewed the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the firm's new application. After some discussion a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for this firm. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly DBE certified firm for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was

adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.